



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 18, 1999

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RE: MUR 4719
New Jersey Republican State
Committee and H. George
Buckwald, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Harbeck:

You were previously notified that on January 25, 1999, the Federal Election Commission found probable cause to believe that your clients violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a and 441b, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Commission regulations 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i) and 106.5(g)(1)(i) in connection with the captioned matter.

The Commission has reviewed and rejected the counterproposal submitted on behalf of your clients by letter dated April 20, 1999. As a result of our inability to settle this matter through conciliation within the allowable time period, the Commission has authorized the General Counsel to institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court.

Should you have any questions, or should you wish to settle this matter prior to suit, please contact Stephen Hershkowitz, Assistant General Counsel, at (202) 694-1650, within five days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble", is written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel